

CHICAGO REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 29, 2011
Madden Mental Health Center
1200 South 1st Ave. Hines, IL

Jill Quinto opened the meeting of the Chicago Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) at 5:02 p.m. The meeting was held at Madden Mental Health Center, Hines, IL.

Members Present: Jill Quinto, Katherine Dunford, LaVonne McClairen, Edith Bukwa, Kamil Jaruga, and Donna Claffy.

Members Absent: Pat Mencinkas and David Ginter.

Staff Present: Pat Betzen

Guests:

Chairperson Jill noted that a quorum was present. Jill read the Confidentiality statement.

Approval of Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2011: Kamil made a motion to accept the minutes; the motion was seconded and carried.

Communications: None

NEW BUSINESS

New Complaints:

#11-030-9015 The complaint alleges that the facility allowed the police to question the recipient after her admission although they did not have a warrant. Also, the recipient asked for outside advocacy but was told that she had to go through the hospital's patient advocate. A motion was made to accept the complaint for investigation. It was properly seconded and passed.

#11-030-9016 The complaint alleges that the facility began sending the recipient out for psychiatric evaluations after a staff person reported to the police that she had seen another staff slap the ward while she was showering. Also, the guardian states that the hospital sent her ward to a facility that was not qualified to care for her. A motion was made to accept the complaint for investigation. It was properly seconded and carried.

#11-030-9017 The complaint alleges that the facility placed the recipient in restraints and when she urinated on herself the staff refused to clean her. The recipient also alleges that she was administered psychotropic medication because she complained. Also, the recipient alleges staff were unresponsive to simple requests for bath towel, aspirin, etc. A motion was made to accept the complaint for investigation. It was properly seconded and carried.

Katherine made a motion to go into closed session at 5:20 p.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to discuss reports and responses and other matters which could not be discussed without revealing confidential information. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

The HRA returned to open session at 5:47 p.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of the closed session included assignment of cases, progress reports on open cases and discussion of responses for #09-030-9019 Lakeshore, #10-030-9011 Chicago Lakeshore, #10-030-9020 Swedish Covenant, and #11-030-9005 Chicago Lakeshore.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ratifications:

Report of Findings: None

Case Closures:

#09-030-9019 Chicago Lakeshore. The HRA reviewed the response. The HRA noted that the agendas and sign-in sheets were part of the ongoing hospital training in documentation and did not address the issues specific to the recommendations made in the report. The case will remain open until this data is received.

#10-030-9011 Chicago Lakeshore. The HRA did not receive the response until minutes before the meeting and time is needed to review the response to ensure that the report recommendations are addressed. The closure is postponed until the HRA has had the opportunity to review the response.

#10-030-9020 Swedish Covenant. The response was reviewed by the HRA. Edie made a motion to accept the response and make the finding part of the public record.

#11-030-9005 Chicago Lakeshore. The HRA did not receive the response until minutes before the meeting and time is needed to review the response to ensure that the report recommendations are addressed. The closure is postponed until the HRA has had the opportunity to review the response.

Case Status Reports:

#10-030-9018 Kindred. The site visit was held on 1/13/11, however the HRA has not been able to reach the physician to complete the investigation. The report is forthcoming.

#10-030-9019 Chicago Lakeshore. A site visit was held on 2/24/11. The report is forthcoming.

#10-030-9022 Alden. A site visit was held 3/16/11. The HRA requires further information that is currently being reviewed by the hospital's general counsel. The report is forthcoming.

Announcements and Comments:

The next meeting of the Chicago Regional Human Rights Authority is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at Madden Mental Health Center.

Adjournment: The HRA agreed to adjourn at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edith Bukwa

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David made a motion to go into closed session at 5:42 p.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act. The purpose of the closed session was as follows: to discuss the progress on open cases, assign cases, and discuss responses to report.

Members Present: Jill Quinto, Katherine Dunford, LaVonne McClairen, Pat Mencinkas, David Ginter, Donna Claffy and Edith Bukwa.

Members Absent: Kamil Jaruga.

Staff Present: Pat Betzen

Case Assignments:

#11-030-9008 Madden. LaVonne assigned.

#11-030-9012 Northwestern. Katherine assigned.

#11-030-9013 Methodist Hospital. Jill assigned.

#11-030-9014 Safe Haven Social Services. Edith and Donna assigned.

Draft Report Discussion:

Case Closures:

#09-030-9019 Chicago Lakeshore. The HRA reviewed the response. The HRA is requesting the training agendas and attendance sheets for the trainings that are being offered to address the report recommendations. The case will remain open until this data is received.

#10-030-9011 Chicago Lakeshore. The HRA did not accept the response and the closure is postponed until further information is received and accepted by the HRA from the provider and the response can be reviewed by the HRA supervisor.

#10-030-9020 Swedish Covenant. The provider has requested and been granted an extension to address the recommendations presented in the report.

#11-030-9005 Chicago Lakeshore. The HRA did not accept the response and the closure is postponed until further information is received and accepted by the HRA from the provider and the response can be reviewed by the HRA supervisor.

#11-030-9011 Riveredge Hospital. The complainant in this case has requested that the case be closed. Edith made a motion to close the case and the motion was properly seconded and carried.

The HRA returned to open session at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edith Bukwa, Secretary